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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003, a shortened statutory period for response to which was set to expire on June 18, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith (along with a check for the required fee) to extend the time for response up to and including September 18, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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